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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Amended) A composition comprising a hexane extracted bioactive fraction obtained from fruits of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*, the composition having a moisture content of between 4% to 6%.
2. (Cancelled) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the bioactive fraction is a hexane extract obtained from the fruits of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*.
3. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition has antibacterial activity against gram positive and gram negative bacterial in the range of 200-500 ppm.
4. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition has antibacterial activity against *Bacillus cereus*, *Bacillus subtilis*, *Bacillus coagulans*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Staphylococcus aureus*.
5. – 8. (Cancelled)
9. (Previously Withdrawn) A process for preparing antibacterial bioactive fraction having
Moisture: 4-6%
Color: Greenish white
Flavor: Mild salty flavor

from the unconventional parts of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*, said process comprising the steps of:

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(a) extracting the powdered fruits of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* with an organic solvent at a temperature in the range of 55-60°C for a time period in the range of 60-80 mesh;

(b) filtering and concentrating the solvent obtained in step (a) to obtain a concentrate and to recover upto 90% of the solvent;

(c) drying the concentrate obtained in step (b) in a vacuum oven at 40-50°C under vacuum at 10-25 mm of mercury to obtain the antibacterial bioactive fraction.

10. (Previously Withdrawn) A process as claimed in claim 9 wherein the organic solvent used is hexane.

11. (Previously Withdrawn) A process as claimed in claim 10 wherein the yield of hexane extract is about 1.5 to 3.0%.

12. (Previously Withdrawn) A process as claimed in claim 9 wherein the filtration is carried out by conventional methods.

13. (Previously Withdrawn) A process as claimed in claim 9 wherein the concentration temperature is of 55 – 60°C.

14. (Previously Withdrawn) A process as claimed in claim 9 wherein the antibacterial bioactive fraction thus obtained has antibacterial activity against gram positive and gram negative bacterial in the range of 200-500 ppm.

15. (Previously Amended) A composition containing an antibacterial bioactive fraction, the fraction comprising a hexane extract of fruits of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*.

16. (Previously Amended) The composition of claim 15, wherein the composition contains hexane.

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17. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 15, wherein the composition has antibacterial activity against gram positive and gram negative bacterial in the range of 200-500 ppm.

18. (Previously Amended) A composition comprising an antibacterial bioactive fraction extracted from powdered fruits of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* by a process comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing powdered fruits of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*;
- (b) extracting the powdered fruits of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum* with an organic solvent at a temperature in the range of 55°C to 60°C for a time period ranging between 6 to 8 hours to form a solvent extract from the powdered fruits of *Cinnamomum zeylanicum*;
- (c) filtering and concentrating the solvent extract obtained in step (b) to obtain a concentrate and to recover up to 90% of the solvent;
- (d) drying the concentrate obtained in step (b) in a vacuum oven at 40-50°C under vacuum at 10-25 mm of mercury to obtain the antibacterial bioactive fraction.